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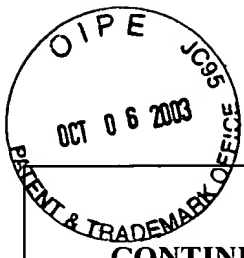
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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/591,258
Filing Date	June 9, 2000
First Named Inventor	Leach
Group Art Unit	2181
Examiner Name:	Lee, C.
Attorney Docket Number	17698-0006

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$750/\$375) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$375 and \$465 are enclosed for the following fees:
- i. ☒ RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-5029

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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